

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2011

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
— *Leviticus 19:2b*

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FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

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TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Rosary Dedication February: For the success of married couples.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Feb 20th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
Purchase dinner/play tickets for Feb 26,
all masses
PRE Class 9 am
Mass – 10:30 am. Rite of Enrollment
Spanish Mass- 5 pm,
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH

Mon, Feb. 21st

Mass - 8:00 am

Tuesday, Feb 22nd

Mass- 8:00 am

Wed. Feb 23rd Rectory Closed

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

Mass- 6:30 pm

RCIA 7 pm KH

PTO 7pm GYM

Thurs. Feb 24th

Mass– 8:00 am,

Bible Study Class, 9:30-11:30 KH

Youth Group Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, Feb 25th

Communion Service– 8 am

School Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Feb 26th

3:00 – 3:30 pm, CONFESSIONS

Mass – 4 pm

K of C Spaghetti Dinner after Mass

ROMEO & JULIET play, 7 PM GYM

Sunday, Feb 27th

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

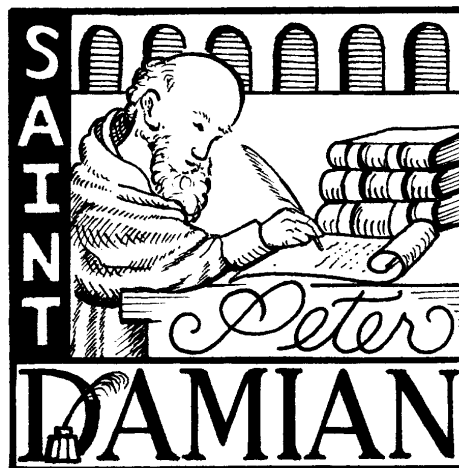
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day
Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter;
Washington's Birthday
Wednesday: St. Polycarp
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Campbell Soup Labels: We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!! Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 19 & 20***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Don E. Monroe	L. Hall M. Hensley	Deacon Henry M. Standridge	R. Roque E. Roque
Reader:	G. Taulman	J. Hall	R. Henderson	P. Villanueva
Altar Servers:	A. Martini M. Najera A. Bower	C. Bailey D. Bailey	K. Hissong P. Moreno J. Moreno	B. Barrera E. Barrera N. Villanueva

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 26 & 27***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Don F. Bursi	S. O'Brien P. Stavrum	Deacon Henry L. O'Donnell	N. Vinturella R. Roque
Reader:	B. Pettit	B. Plessinger	T. Floyd	E. Roque
Altar Servers:	L. Carter A. Lopez W. Solomon	K. Hudson B. Hudson	G. Lopez J. Lopez L. Lopez	O. Marquez E. Marquez B. Marquez A. Marquez

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Jessica Mann, Ron Marshak, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

Flowers on altar in honor of St Bernadette from Ellen Schmall

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Teens4Christ Electronic Communication: Youth Groups members can communicate online through Face book by adding *OLS teensforChrist* as a friend.

Monthly Bus trip – The Monthly Bus trip will be going to Sam's Town, Sunday, February 27, 2011. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849.

Mass Intentions 2011: we still have openings for mass intentions; please call the office if you need a mass intention.

SUBLIME

Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life

—Johann Kaspar Lavater

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Feb 19th 4:00 pm

Florence Taulman+

Sunday, Feb 20th 8:00 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Feb 20th 10:30 am

Bridget Hester+

Sunday, Feb 20th 5:00 pm

Bob Noonan+

Monday Feb 21st 8:00 am

Rose Sterenchak+

Tuesday, Feb 22nd 8:00 am

Terry Laffety+

Wednesday, Feb 23rd 6:30 pm

Mary Duncan+

Thurs. Feb 24th 8:00 am

Int. of Ernest Frasier

Friday Feb 25th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat. Feb 26th 4:00 pm

Mary Duncan+

Sunday, Feb 27th 8:00 am

Int. of Alex Marlow

Sunday, Feb 27th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Feb 27th 5:00

Int. of Mary Timby

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Jackie Perfetti

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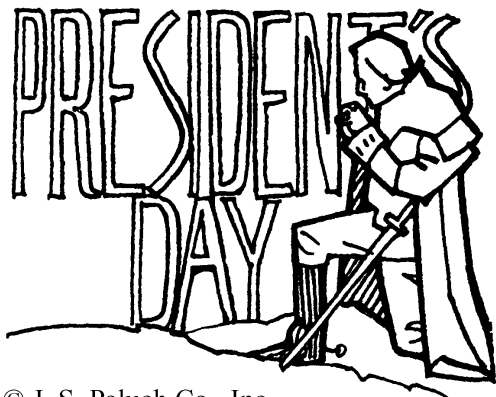
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**Financial Report
Weekend of 02/13/2011**

Envelopes	\$2,635.00
Loose Checks	395.00
Debt	61.00
Total Collection	3,091.00
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	\$ 1,367.38
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 136,589.36
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>147,126.16</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (10,536.80)



**FEAST OF FAITH
The Opening Prayer**

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Romeo & Juliet Show Feb. 26th Tickets on Sale Now: Starting this weekend The Romeo & Juliet cast (5th – 8th graders) will sell Dinner/Show tickets after all Masses. Dinner/Show - \$10 Adults/\$4 Students – under 12 or \$25 Family Package (Parents and children only). Show only - \$6 adults/\$3 family of Troupe members/! Students/Children under 5 are FREE or \$15 family package(Parents and Children only). **The Knights of Columbus** will support the Show with a Spaghetti, salad, drink Dinner for The Romeo & Juliet Play.

Help Needed: 1) We need adult volunteers to paint the hallway of the school during the Spring Break (March 14-18). **2)** We are still looking for someone to finish the job of replacing the doors on the front of the church. Two new doors need to replace the two bad ones and the kick guards need to be placed on all four doors. **3)** As warm weather approaches, we need to power clean the covering over the side entrance to the church and the entrance to the school so we can get them painted and then work on getting the holes patches. **4)** We need a team of people to do a deep cleaning of the hallways in the basement of the church and to paint the ductwork.

Pilgrimage to Italy: Fr. Bryan Timby invites you to join him on his vacation this year as he makes a pilgrimage to some of the Eucharistic shrines in Italy. Visit Venice, Padua, Florence, Pisa, Ovieto, Assisi, Cascia and Rome, November 4-15. Cost: \$4,028 (cash discount price of \$3,799) plus airport taxes, fuel surcharges and gratuities. Includes: round-trip airfare from Memphis, first class lodging and all meals except lunches. Call (901) 353-1530 for a brochure. Space is limited to 35 people.

Lenten Study Groups: This week we begin enrolling in our Lenten Study Groups as Disciples on the Journey. Please see the lists of host families and choose one that is convenient for you. The deadline to register is February 14.

THE FIGHT WITHIN

Today's readings revolve around the "logic of violence" and turn it on its head. "You shall not bear hatred . . . Take no revenge and cherish no grudge," says God through the prophet Moses (Leviticus 19:17, 18). Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"



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(Matthew 5:43–44). The struggle to do this begins within our own hearts. An old tale of the Cherokee people concerns a boy who was angry at a friend who had done him an injustice. His grandfather sat him down, saying, "I too, at times, have felt hatred toward those who have injured me, with no sorrow for what they did. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me. One is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him, and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight as the last resort, and in the right way. But the other wolf—ah, he is full of anger. The smallest thing will send him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his

anger and hate are so great. It is helpless anger, for his anger will change nothing. Sometimes it is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit." The boy looked intently into his grandfather's eyes and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?" The old man smiled and said, "The one I feed." Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Donations Needed: The OLS Stars Production Company will be performing Romeo and Juliet on February 26. Mrs. Sheri Bland (287-0791) is coordinating the costumes and scenery and is seeking the donation or loan of 1) tights, 2) leggings, 3) long john bottoms, 4) baseball or football pants, 5) old formal dresses, 6) cloth materials, and 7) costume jewelry. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

New Diaconate Class Forming: The Diaconate is part of Holy Orders established by the apostolic church to assist Priests and Bishops in the ministry of Christ. As one called by Christ the Deacon is committed to the work begun by Jesus, he is ordained to the ministry of service. He is a sign of Christ's love and concern for all who are in need - especially the widowed, orphans, the infirm, the elderly, prisoners, couples, teenagers, and all who are in need of the loving and serving heart of Christ.

The Diocese of Memphis, Office of Diaconate Formation, under the direction of the Rev. J. Keith Stewart, will begin a new Diaconate Formation Class in September of 2011.

Men who feel called by God to be a Deacon are invited to an informational meeting. Those interested:

- must be at least 30 years of age,
- if married, must have been married at least 5 years
- if a convert, must be a Catholic for at least 2 years

Husbands and wives, if married, are required to attend one of the following scheduled meetings in order to enter the program. Meetings will be Thursday, March 17th from 6pm to 9pm or Saturday, March 19th from 9am to 12 Noon in the Family Room at Holy Rosary Church, 4851 Park Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of Permanent Diaconate at 373-1299.

Teens4Christ: The Youth Group will not meet this Thursday. They will meet again on Thursday, February 24. The topic for discussion will be "Finding balance while living in a material world."

Bishop Byrne Gala: The Bishop Byrne High School Board will host its 4th Annual Red Tie/Black Gown Gala with Silent and Live Auctions on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Lobby at Bishop Byrne Middle and High School, 1475 E. Shelby Drive, Memphis, TN. Tickets are \$25. Contact Carol Carlson for reservations (346-3060).

Attention Liturgical Ministers in the Spanish-speaking Community: The Liturgical Institute is offering its annual retreat for choir members, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers on Friday and Saturday, February 25 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and February 26 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), at Bishop Byrne High School. There is no cost for this opportunity for spiritual growth, but you must bring your own picnic lunch on Saturday. For more information call 722-4759 or 351-4013.

School Registration: Registration for the 2011-2012 school year at OLS will begin in the coming weeks. All tuition and fee payments must be current in order to register. Please make certain your records are current. All Catholic students will have to provide a letter from their pastors confirming their membership and active participation. New students will need: 1) a copy of their baptismal record; 2) a copy of their birth certificate; 3) an up-to-date immunization record. Priority will be given to siblings of currently enrolled students and children of parents who are actively involved as members of OLS Parish when accepting new students for enrollment.



Prayer for the Week: Heavenly Father, help me remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night may have been a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children. Amen.

House for rent; between Frayser & Millington, 4 bedroom, 1 bath, gas heat, no air or appliances big yard. \$ 575.00 per month, call 357-1590

Side Altar Flowers: The flowers on the side altars this weekend are placed by Gerry Taulman in memory of her mother, Florence Taulman's 85th birthday.

New Altar Linens: You may have noticed a little more color in the sanctuary . The altar Guild has purchased new frontal linens for the main altar and two credence tables. The linens were hand-stitched in India especially for OLS church in green, purple, gold, white and red (coming soon). We thank the ladies for their hard work and dedication to ravioli sales which makes such improvements possible.

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Lector Training - Tuesdays, Feb 15, 22 & Mar 1 6:45-9 pm @ St. Brigid Church, OR Sat Mar 19 & 26, 9 am-12:15 pm @ Christ the King Church, Southaven. No online registration - register @ your parish; pastor's approval required. For course fees and more information, visit ILS website @ www.ilscdom.org or call 722-4761.

Sunday Social for People with Disabilities and Special Needs: March 6th 5-7 PM Church of Resurrection 5475 Newberry Memphis TN, April 3rd 5-7 PM Church of Nativity 5955 St. Elmo Bartlett TN

Annual Liturgy and Celebration for People with Disabilities and Special Needs: 10:30 AM Mass June 26, 2011 St. Mary's Catholic Church 257 North Street Memphis TN 38105

Basic Preparation Course for Faith Community Nursing & Health Ministry: 2 Fridays & 2 Saturdays, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM March 11, 12, 25 & 26, 2011, St. Louis Church Clunan Center, 203 S. White Station Rd. Memphis, TN 38117, Total cost of the program is \$160. Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) hours (32) will be awarded for full participation. Call Alma Abuelouf at 901-373-1224 or email: alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org